

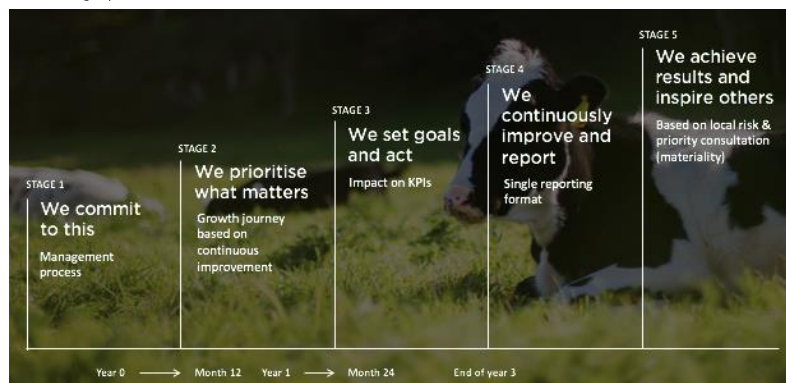
The Sustainable Dairy Partnership

The Sustainable Dairy Partnership (SDP) builds on the Dairy Sustainability Framework* to provide a unified sustainability approach for use in the commercial relationships between dairy customers and their suppliers. It supports locally prioritised improvements, systemic change and credible assurance through the dairy supply chain. By focusing on the management systems of dairy processors, the SDP eliminates duplication and costs associated with multiple audits. The SDP is designed to facilitate efficient sourcing of sustainable dairy products and to encourage measurable progress on sustainability priorities.

How does the Sustainable Dairy Partnership work?

Dairy management system: Dairy processors act as the coordinators in the chain between farmers, manufacturers and the market. Dairy buyers can then focus on the management system of processors that cover all farms. This removes the need for buyers to do one-to-one farm auditing.

Stages: The model is composed of 5 stages of progress on sustainability demonstrating continuous improvement at the dairy processor level.



Consistent report: A simple one-page report provides key information from the processor to their buyers, including the processor's progress in the SDP stages, their prioritized impact indicators and their verification status.

Mutual Recognition: Robust national and company programmes are recognised without creating new standards.

Verification: The requirements document provides the details necessary for verification of the processor's management system in later stages.

How is the Sustainable Dairy Partnership being developed?

The SDP was created by members of the SAI Platform Dairy Working Group, including dairy processors, industry organisations, manufacturers and retailers, who jointly represent approximately 30% of the total global milk volume. It was piloted across Europe, the USA, and Australia.

The SDP approach is being tested and refined by the SAI Platform Dairy Working Group to enable wider use in the second quarter of 2020.

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*The Dairy Sustainability Framework (DSF) provides a global framework for a holistic and continuous improvement approach to sustainability in the dairy value chain. It aims to drive alignment across the world while recognizing that all regions face different sustainability challenges. www.dairysustainabilityframework.org